BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY NAVITAS ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WHITE WIND FARM AND ASSOCIATED COLLECTION SUBSTATION AND ELECTRIC INTERCONNECTION SYSTEM

ORDER GRANTING PARTY
STATUS AND
INTERVENTION; ORDER
GRANTING LOCAL REVIEW
COMMITTEE'S REQUEST
TO HIRE CONSULTANT
EL06-020

On July 11, 2006, White Wind Farm, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Navitas Energy, Inc. (Navitas) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking an energy conversion facility permit to construct and operate the White Wind Farm. The White Wind Farm is a proposed 200 MW wind energy electricity generating facility and ancillary services located on approximately 93 acres in Sherman Township, southeast of White, South Dakota in Brookings County. The project consists of up to 105 2 MW wind turbine generators, associated electric collector lines, a collection substation and interconnection and upgrades to the WAPA White Substation.

On July 13, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 11, 2006, to interested individuals and entities. On September 8, 2006, the Commission received an Application for Party Status from Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC). On September 11, 2006, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA). On September 19, 2006, the Commission received a letter from the Local Review Committee requesting \$2,000 to employ a consultant to assist the Local Review Committee to carry out the Local Review Committee's responsibilities.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-1, 49-41B-2, 49-41B-2.1, 49-41B-4, 49-41B-6, 49-41B-7, 49-41B-8, 49-41B-9, 49-41B-10, 49-41B-11, 49-41B-12, 49-41B-13, 49-41B-14, 49-41B-15, 49-41B-16, 49-41B-17, 49-41B-17.1, 49-41B-19, 49-41B-20, 49-41B-21, 49-41B-22, 49-41B-24, 49-41B-26, 49-41B-33, 49-41B-35, 49-41B-36, 49-41B-38, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

On September 26, 2006, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission found that the Application for Party Status and Petition to Intervene were timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant the Local Review Committee's request to hire a consultant for \$2,000 (Chairman Sahr abstained). It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Application for Party Status of ITC and the Petition to Intervene of SDREA are hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Local Review Committee's request to hire a consultant for \$2,000 is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this ______ day of October, 2006.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Allaline Kalba

Date: 10/4/06

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman, abstaining

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner